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REF: ALBERTI/VANCE TELECON OCT. 17

1. IN OCTOBER 16 CONVERSATION WITH MESSRS. FIELDS, NELSON, AND ALBERTI, ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA EXPRESSED HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER PRESS REPORTS OF THE RECENTLY RELEASED WHITE PAPER WHICH SEEMED TO INDICATE A SOFTENING OF US GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD MARIJUANA. HE SAID THAT HE WAS MAKING THESE REMARKS NOT AS RECRIMINATION, BUT AS AN OFFICIAL EXPRESSION OF HIS CONCERN THAT ANY U.S. GOVERNMENT MOVE TOWARD DECRIMINILIZATION LEGISLATION OR LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA WOULD MAKE THE GOM'S ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN JUST THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. THE AG EXPRESSED WORRY THAT THE WHITE HOUSE MIGHT NOW DIRECT U.S. GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DE-EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MARIJUANA; THIS, HE SAID WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ENFORCEMENT ALL DOWN THE LINE, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL POLICE.
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THE AG SAID HE KNOWS THAT IN MEXICO, MARIJUANA AND HEROIN ARE

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TRAFFICKED BY THE SAME ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE KYRIAKIDES NETWORK, WHICH STARTED ITS OPERATIONS WITH MARIJUANA. HE SUSPECTS THE SAME SITUATION PREVAILS IN THE U.S. AND THAT THEREFORE IT IS UNWISE TO DRAW TOO GREAT A DISTINCTION BETWEEN HEROIN AND MARIJUANA AS ENFORCEMENT TARGETS.

2. MR. FIELDS COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVES THE PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE WHITE PAPER RECOMMENDATIONS ON MARIJUANA WERE DISTORTED OR AT LEAST EXAGGERATED. THE AG WAS ASSURED THAT BOTH THE EMBASSY AND S/NM(AMBASSADOR VANCE) WERE CONCERNED ABOUT MARIJUANA AND ALSO WERE OPPOSED TO ANY MOVE TO LEGALIZE THAT SUBSTANCE. THE AG WAS PROMISED A COPY OF THE WHITE PAPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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